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The REVOLUTIONARY

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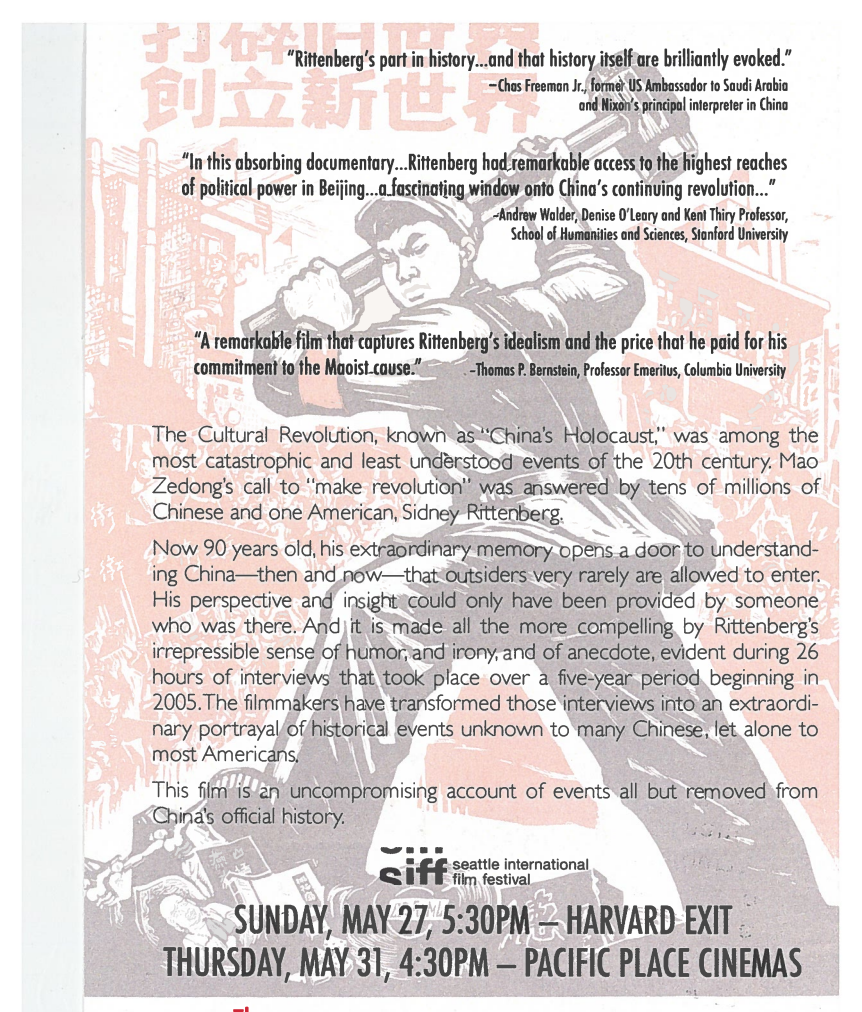
STOURWATER PICTURES PRESENTS "THE REVOLUTIONARY" MUSIC BY JOEL GOODMAN DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND EDITOR DON SELLERS
WRITER, INTERVIEWER AND NARRATOR IRV DRASNIN PRODUCED BY IRV DRASNIN, LUCY OSTRANDER & DON SELLERS



"Rittenberg's part in history...and that history itself are brilliantly evoked."
–Chas Freeman Jr., former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Nixon's principal interpreter in China

"In this absorbing documentary...Rittenberg had remarkable access to the highest reaches of political power in Beijing...a fascinating window onto China's continuing revolution..."
–Andrew Walder, Denise O'Leary and Kent Thiry Professor, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University

"A remarkable film that captures Rittenberg's idealism and the price that he paid for his commitment to the Maoist cause." –Thomas P. Bernstein, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University

The Cultural Revolution, known as "China's Holocaust," was among the most catastrophic and least understood events of the 20th century. Mao Zedong's call to "make revolution" was answered by tens of millions of Chinese and one American, Sidney Rittenberg.

Now 90 years old, his extraordinary memory opens a door to understanding China—then and now—that outsiders very rarely are allowed to enter. His perspective and insight could only have been provided by someone who was there. And it is made all the more compelling by Rittenberg's irrepressible sense of humor, and of irony, and of anecdote, evident during 26 hours of interviews that took place over a five-year period beginning in 2005. The filmmakers have transformed those interviews into an extraordinary portrayal of historical events unknown to many Chinese, let alone to most Americans.

This film is an uncompromising account of events all but removed from China's official history.

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